

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendment and the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 5-9, and 11-21 remain pending in this application, Claims 1, 3, 5-9, 11, and 12 having been amended and Claims 13-21 having been added by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Official Action, the drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4). Submitted concurrently herewith is a Replacement sheet including amended Figures 1-3. In amended Figures 1-3, reference numerals "1," "2," and "3" have been changed to reference numerals "1a," "2a," and "3a" in Figure 1, to reference numerals "1b," "2b," and "3b" in Figure 2, and to reference numerals "1c," "2c," and "3c" in Figure 3. Additionally, reference numeral "4" in Figures 2 and 3 have been changed to reference numeral "4b" in Figure 2 and to reference numeral "4c" in Figure 3. Corresponding changes have also been made in the written description. These changes have been made to clarify that various embodiments of the invention are depicted in each of Figures 1, 2, and 3. Accordingly, the Applicants request the withdrawal of the objection to the drawings.

The amendment filed on August 13, 2003, has been objected to as introducing new matter. The present amendment changes the term "tetrafluoroethylene" to "polytetrafluoroethylene." Thus, the Applicants request the withdrawal of this objection. Additionally, the specification has been amended on page 1 to present the description in a slightly better format.

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Claims 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to change the term "tetrafluoroethylene" to "polytetrafluoroethylene." Accordingly, the Applicants request the withdrawal of this rejection of Claims 5 and 6.

Claims 1, 3, 5-9, and 11-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 1 has been amended as suggested to recite a method of producing a high Tc superconducting wire and a new Claim 13 has been added to recite a method of producing a high Tc superconducting tape. Claim 1 has also been amended to clarify the surface layer limitation. The dependent claims have also been amended to conform to the changes made to Claim 1. The Applicants submit that no new matter has been entered. Claim 5 has been amended to remove the reference to a trademark or trade name. Claim 12 has been amended as suggested to recite a high Tc superconducting wire and a new Claim 21 has been added to recite a high Tc superconducting tape. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the indefiniteness rejections.

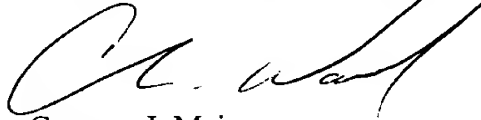
Claims 1, 3, 5, 7-9, and 11-12 were indicated as being allowable if the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, first and second paragraph, were overcome. As discussed above, the Applicants submit that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, first and second paragraph, have been overcome, and thus Claims 1, 3, 5, 7-9, and 11-12, as well as newly added Claims 13-21, are believed to be in condition for allowance.

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Consequently, in view of the above discussion, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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